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# Two U. S. Foes of Castro Missing on Mystery Flight

By DON KIRK

A Coast Guard plane today searched the seas between Miami and Honduras for evidence of an aircraft carrying two anti-Castro Americans on a mystery flight to Panama.

The U. S. ordered the search after the wife of one of the men, Alexander T. Rorke Jr., accused the government of making no effort to find the missing plane.

Rorke, 32, of New York, and Geoffrey Sullivan, 28, of Waterbury, Conn., took off from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in a rented plane 10 days ago bound for Panama. A radio message that they were detouring to Honduras was their last known communication.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency said no trace of the plane had been found in Panama or Honduras, where the government was overthrown yesterday by a military junta.

## 'No One Looking'

"It's inconceivable that a plane could be missing and no one would go out to look for

it," Mrs. Rorke, daughter of Sherman Billingsley, owner of the Rorke Club, had said only hours before the Coast Guard acted. "They're not looking just because it's Alex and Jeff."

Rorke, a free lance photographer is the son of attorney Alexander T. Rorke, 321 W. 78th St. The younger Rorke, as president of the U. S. Fighters for Freedom, has directed anti-Castro activities from New York and Florida.

Rorke led a raid on Cuba last April. He, a Cuban exile leader and two other Americans flying a small twin-engined plane dropped homemade bombs on an oil refinery near Havana, causing minor damage. The plane was owned jointly by Rorke and Sullivan, who denied participating in the raid.

Mrs. Rorke said the FAA, which investigated the raid, was not interested in finding her husband because his activities had "embarrassed" the U. S.

"Suppose the plane went down at sea, and they're holding on to some little piece or something with a hurricane coming," said Mrs. Rorke. "What I'm asking, since I'm convinced the plane is down, is that someone look for it." She said she called the FAA as well as the Coast Guard and others to help in the search.

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"I knew that some day he might not come back," said Mrs. Rorke, whose husband was imprisoned in Cuba in 1960 while assigned there as a correspondent for the American Broadcasting Co.

The Rorkes have three children, Alexander III, 9; Hazel, 8, and Bryant, 3.

"He has always called, even when he was held," Mrs. Rorke said. "This is the first time he didn't call."



ALEXANDER T. RORKE

No word on plane.